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LOK SABHA

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STUDY ON FISH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Ganga fish a health Hazard` as appearing in the `Times of India` dated March 12, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to ban fishing from River Ganga to avoid fall out of such high concentration of pesticides; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): It has been reported that there is high concentration of the pesticides in the Ganga water fish and such contaminated fish may lead to the serious health problems for the consumers.

(c): As per the information available the concentration of pesticides in the Ganga water fish has shown that as against the concentrations in 1987 there has been a reduction in concentrations for the period upto1996. The overall frequency and the residue levels of the organo phosphorus pesticides have not been of much significance. The Government has already conducted a review of production and use of pesticides and a total ban on the use of DDT has been imposed. For cleansing Ganga a massive `Ganga Action Plan` has been launched which is aimed at reducing the chemical load of Ganga waters in down stream.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.